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REMARKS

The applicants have canceled Claims 26 and 27. Claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 16-20 have been allowed. No other claims are pending in this application. Accordingly, The applicants respectfully request that the Examiner timely pass the application to allowance.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's efforts for conducting a thorough examination, and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding items that may be resolved via telephone conference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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